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SUBJECT: SPANISH FILM RESTRICTIONS

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1. EMBASSY ECON COUNS AND EMBOFF DISCUSSED SPANISH RESTRICTIONS WITH MPEAA REP SPIEGLE AND REP OF FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DES ASSOCIATIONS DE PRODUCTEURS DE FILMS ( FIAP). MPEAA HAS JOINED FIAP TO ORGANIZE MULTINATIONAL APPROACH TO GOS. THEY PLAN TO ORGANIZE MEETING TO INCLUDE ONE FILM INDUSTRY REP AND EMBASSY OFFICIAL FROM EACH OF 5 COUNTRIES ( US, FRANCE, UK, ITALY, GERMANY) TO MEET WITH MFA, COMMIN, FINMIN, AND INFOMIN. THEY HOPE TO ARRANGE THE MEETING JULY 10, 11 OR 12, BUT DUE CURRENT WIDESPREAD GOS TURNOVER MAY PREFER SOMETIME IN SEPTEMBER WHEN NEW GOS APPOINTEES SETTLED.

2. MAY 30 FIAP SENT LETTER OF PROTEST AT GOS RESTRICTIONS TO  
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FONMIN, WITH COPIES TO INFO/ TOURISM, FINANCE, AND COMMERCE MIN-  
ISTRIES. MAJOR PORTION OF LETTER CONCERNS NEW STIFF DUBBING  
FEE, DESCRIBED IN APRIL 26 DUBBING DECREE AS TEMPORARY MEASURE  
" TO DISPENSE TO SPANISH CINEMATOGRAPHY THE PROTECTION AND SUPPORT  
IT REQUIRES." DECREE IROVIDES FOR FLAT FEE OF 500,000 PESETAS  
LEVIED ON LONG PICTURES ( PELICULAS LARGAS) OF ANY NATIONALITY.  
IT LEVIES ANOTHER FLAT 30,000 PESETAS WHEN PICTURE REACHES BOX  
OFFICE DRAW OF 30 MILLION PESETAS, INCREASING THEREAFTER BY 1000  
PESETAS FOR EACH MILLION OVER 30 MILLION. E. G., ANY FOREIGN FILM  
DRAWING 33 MILLION PESETAS AT BOX OFFICE MUST PAY FLAT FEE OF  
500,000 PESETAS, PLUS ANOTHER 33,000 PESETAS.

3. LETTER PROTESTS DUBBING FEE ON GROUNDS OF EXCESSIVE AMOUNTS  
INVOLVED,  
DOUBLE TAXATION METHOD USED IN NO OTHER COUNTRY, DIS-  
CRIMINATION BY APPLICATION ONLY TO FOREIGN FILMS, OBJECTIVE OF  
FINANCING GOS DEFICIT TO NATIONAL PRODUCERS, ADDING FEE VIOLATES  
OECD INVISIBLES CODE, GATT TARIFF ACCORD AND SPANISH ECONOMIC  
AGREEMENT WITH EEC. LETTER ALSO PROTESTS GOS SUPPORT OF CEILINGS  
IN DISTRIBUTORS CONTRACTS, TERRITORIAL A  
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